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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA STATEMENT ON GHITEPO ASSASSINATION

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1. THE MARCH 21 EDITION OF THE BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING BOG STATEMENT ON THE CHITEPO ASSASSINATION. BEGIN TEXT. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA WERE SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF MR. HERBERT CHITEPO AND STRONGLY CONDEMNS THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DASTARDLY ACT. ZIMBABWE AND INDEED AFRICA HAS LOST A TRUE FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT MR. CHITEPO HAS NOT DIED IN VAIN. THE STRUGGLE FOR MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE WILL CONTINUE AND INTENSITY UNTIL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED. END TEXT

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2. COMMENT: BELATED, LOW-KEY RESPONSE AND FAILURE
TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH SUGGESTS LIKELY DOUBT IN
GOB OVER IDENTITY OF ASSASSINS.
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